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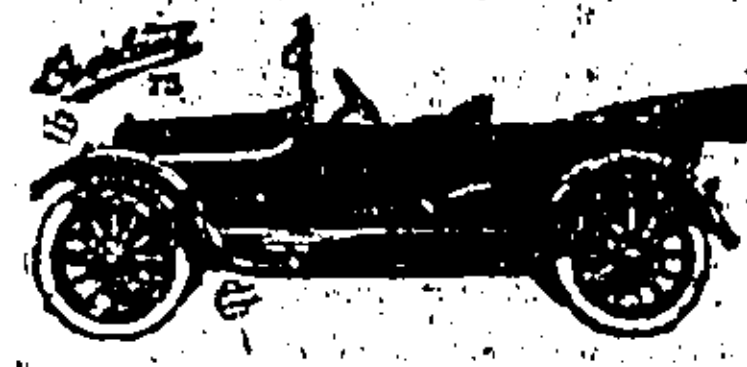
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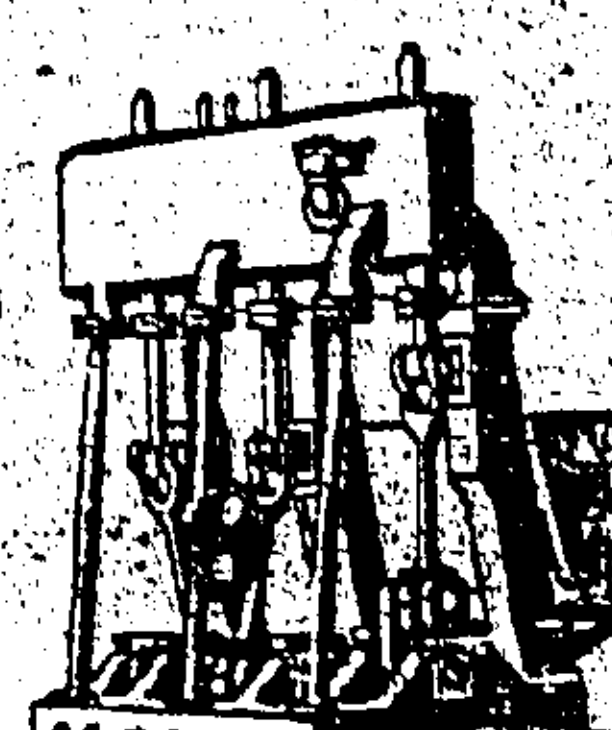
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## THE WAR. TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

**THE WESTERN FRONT.**  
**ELEVEN ENEMY MACHINES  
BROUGHT DOWN.**  
London, Dec. 30.  
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig  
reports:—  
We repulsed a local attack in the  
neighbourhood of the Ypres-Staden  
railway.  
We drove off riders to the north  
of Puchendaele.  
LATER.  
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig  
reports:—  
There was hostile artillery activity  
in the neighbourhood of Hargicourt,  
to the south and west of Lens and  
to the east and north-east of Ypres.  
Our aeroplanes, yesterday, dropped  
over 100 bombs on three aerodromes  
to the north of Lille. Seven hostile  
machines were brought down and the  
anti-aircraft guns shot down four  
others. Three of our machines are  
missing.

**THE BOMBING RAID ON  
MANNHEIM.**  
LATEST PARTICULARS.

London, Dec. 29.  
Further official information of the  
bombing raid on Mannheim, on  
December 24, shows that in the  
morning, two of our formations, of  
ten machines, crossed the line at a  
height of 9,000 feet and arrived at  
their objective simultaneously, de-  
spite heavy and accurate anti-aircraft  
fire. They dropped sixteen 112-  
pound bombs and two 280-pound  
bombs, from a height of 13,000 feet.  
Four bursts were observed in the  
main station, several on the Lanz  
works, two on Ludwigshafen and  
several on a munitions factory be-  
tween Mundenheim and Rheingon-  
heim.  
Two enemy formations of eleven  
machines were encountered but they  
did not attempt to attack at close  
range.  
The anti-aircraft defences around  
Mannheim which appeared to be  
strong, brought down one of our  
machines.

**GERMANY'S TREATMENT OF  
AMERICAN PRISONERS.**

London, Dec. 29.  
Reuter's Correspondent at Ameri-  
can Headquarters in France states  
that the American authorities have  
learned from an authentic source that  
Germany is treating American pri-  
soners with very much less consider-  
ation than the British and French;  
indeed, it is believed that they are  
treated as the Russians were treated,  
and the world knows what that  
means.  
It is expected that the United  
States will take steps to secure  
amercement.

**ENEMY AIR-RAID ON PADUA.**

London, Dec. 30.  
Reuter's Correspondent at British  
Headquarters in Italy states:—  
A raid was carried out on Padua  
at nine in the evening of December  
29, in bright moonlight.  
Eight bombs were dropped on the  
centre of the town and the casualties  
were mostly among women and  
children.  
Luckily, the priceless architectural  
treasures escaped.

**AN ARREST FOR TREASON IN  
NEW YORK.**

New York, Dec. 30.  
A naturalised German employed  
in a torpedo works has been charged  
for treason. He is charged with  
tampering with the construction of  
torpedoes, rendering them useless.

**FURTHER BRITISH  
ADVANCE IN PALESTINE.**

London, Dec. 29.  
An official despatch from Palest-  
ine states:—  
We drove back the enemy, yester-  
day, and advanced our line to a  
depth of two miles on a thirteen-  
mile front.  
This advance has given us the high  
ground at Rasar-Kubessuffa which is  
four miles from Jerusalem and one  
mile to the north of the Jericho Road  
to Amato, Erram and Kulundia. The  
two latter places are to the east and  
west of the Nablus Road, five miles  
to the north of Jerusalem and  
Beitania.  
The Irish troops overcame the  
difficulties of the ground, despite  
considerable opposition.

**BERLIN JEWS AND PALESTINE.**

THE HAGUE, Dec. 29.  
The Jewish Correspondent Bureau  
has received a telegram from Berlin  
announcing that the German Zionist  
Association has passed a resolution  
greeting with satisfaction the fact  
that Great Britain has officially re-  
cognised the right of the Jewish  
people to national existence in  
Palestine.

**COLLISIONS IN POSEN AND  
POLAND.**

London, Dec. 30.  
Two trains collided at Spornik,  
in Posen.  
All the carriages were destroyed  
and thirteen people were killed and  
70 injured.  
Eighty people were killed and 80  
injured in a collision in Russian  
Poland.

**FURTHER AMERICAN LOANS TO  
ALLIES.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.  
Mr. McAdoo has authorized a  
further loan of \$685,000,000 to  
Great Britain, \$155,000,000 to  
France, \$7,500,000 to Belgium and  
\$1,000,000 to Serbia, making the  
total advances \$4,236,400,000.

**GERMAN HOPES DISAPPOINTED.**

Zurich, Dec. 30.  
The Secretary of the German War  
Provisioning Bureau, in an interview,  
admitted that it was impossible for  
Germany to hope to get an appre-  
ciable quantity of foodstuffs from  
Russia.

**ANOTHER SHIPPING COMBINE.**

London, Dec. 29.  
The Harrison Line has acquired  
the major portion of Messrs. Rankin,  
Gilmour & Co.'s Fleet, the total  
gross tonnage of which is 860,000  
tons.  
The price paid has not been  
published.

[According to a recent list Messrs.  
Rankin, Gilmour & Co., Ltd., owned 16  
vessels.]

**THE PREMIER'S CLEMENCY.**

London, Dec. 29.  
It is officially announced that, at  
the request of Mr. Lloyd George,  
Mrs. Alice Whelden has been  
released.  
[Mrs. Whelden was sentenced to ten  
years' imprisonment, at the Old Bailey,  
on March 10 last, for conspiring against  
the life of Mr. Lloyd George.]

**OBITUARY.**

MELBOURNE, Dec. 30.  
The death is announced of Rear  
Admiral Walter Boyce Bridges.  
[Rear Admiral Bridges, entered the  
Royal Naval Service in 1871, and served  
for 40 years.]



## INTIMATIONS

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Hongkong, Dec. 27, 1917. 2422

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NOTIFICATION.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 8th January proximo, at 3 p.m., at the Public Works Department and before a Committee provided by the Director of the Public Works TENDERS will be received for the SUPPLY AND LAYING OF PIPES for Canalisation of Salt Water (Extension).

The conditions of the tendering, the specifications and the plans of the canalisation are open to the public at the Public Works Department and in the Portuguese Consulate in Hongkong, where they can be examined all week days.

Macao, Public Works Department, 16th December, 1917.

RAUL M. DE FARIA E MARIA, Engineer Director.

Hongkong, Dec. 21, 1917. 2413

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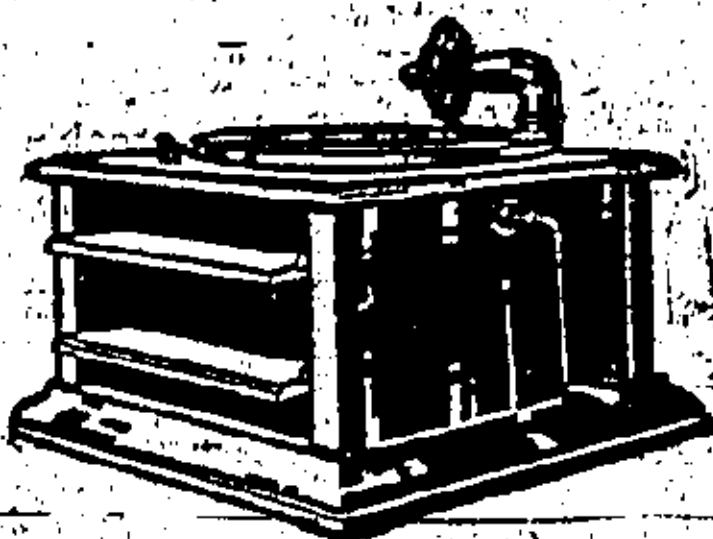
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## SCOTTISH LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Edinburgh, November 6.

SCOTS AND AUSTRALIANS.

The comradeship between the Australians and the Scots is now a matter of common knowledge, and further testimony to its strength and good effect is given by Sir Andrew Fraser, the High Commissioner. The Australians in France, he says, have to a large extent been associated with Scottish battalions, and the universal experience is that they have got on well together. The Scottish type, it seems, with its subtle humour and metaphysical predilections, appeals strongly to the Australians, who, on their part, are agile and witty. The Australians and Scots, in fact, are complimentary to each other. In Sir Andrew's opinion the spontaneous display of friendship may also in some measure be traced to tradition and common origin, for a very large proportion of the settlers in Australia came from Scotland. The home country, in the minds of the oldest settlers, is idealised after years of separation, and is pictured with a kind of halo to the members of their families.

PEAT AND SPHAGNUM MOSS.

The other day I found a quantity of peat in my fire, and was told that the coal merchants have supplies of the substance, and are selling it. Peat is not brought in because coal is actually scarce, but because it makes a fire last longer. That peat has a lasting quality is well known to all who are in the habit of using it as fuel, but I fear that this experience will not be borne out in the average town household. For the townsman demands that his fire should burn brightly, and he is apt to pay it a great deal of stimulating attention, and that is just what no peat will stand. It must be treated very gently indeed, and left much to itself. In that event it will glow for an astonishingly long time. But if it is subjected to the poker it may burn with great energy and speed for a few minutes, or it may fall into powder and refuse to burn at all.

The appearance of peat on the war economy list is an interesting fact, for the parent of peat is already doing admirable war service. That is sphagnum moss, which many thousands of voluntary workers all over Scotland are collecting and sending to the front, and to the hospitals to be used as dressing for wounds (writes the Scottish naturalist who signs himself "Plover"). It is true that peat may contain plants of dry vegetable matter, but the peat is growing in a specially moist situation, and in most peats the remains of all the

plants which occur on deep moorland can be traced, but in Scotland at any rate, sphagnum is always the main element. Sphagnum is pre-eminently fitted to act as a peat former: it has the power of constantly throwing up dense cushions of new shoots, while the parts below die. These parts, partly because they never become dry, do not decay in the ordinary sense of the word. Thus year after year the growing sphagnum is accumulating below it all the growth of the past, which, as it sinks in upon itself, becomes an almost solid mass of bone-dry matter. Both sphagnum and peat possess certain antiseptic properties, hence the use of sphagnum for wounds. These assist in the formation of the peat, since they discourage or altogether forbid the activity of the microbes which in other soils completely break up the dead vegetable matter.

TONNAGE TROUBLES IN DUTCH INDIES. The dwindling amount of tonnage available for shipments from the Dutch Indies to Europe and the shortage of coal are giving rise to serious anxiety for the future, says the "Glasgow Herald." In 1916 the Batavia Freight Conference appointed 131 ships with a total of 364,000 tons of cargo space for the shipment of exports to Europe, and in the first half of 1917 not quite 15 ships with a total of 44,000 tons. The Netherlands Steamship Company, the Rotterdam-Flydd, and the Holland-America Line gave in 1916 13 ships carrying a total of 51,500 tons for the Java-New York services, but as a result of the requisitioning of ships by the Dutch and British Governments and the laying up of tonnage there has been a considerable deficiency this year, and for next year the prospects are even worse. So long as the war lasts there is not expected to be an improvement in the situation, and therefore some measures have to be taken for meeting the difficulty. These will include a reduction of the next crop of export products, the granting of credit to native growers, and closer co-operation between the Home and Colonial Governments.

WHERE MISSIONS ARE FORTRESSES.

Dealing with the German missions in East Africa, the Rev. J. Hutchinson Cockburn, Glasgow, makes some significant revelations in the November issue of "Life and Work," the magazine of the Church of Scotland. "The stations are well built," he says, "some of them are almost fortresses; they are made for

defence, and they generally occupy high sites of considerable strategic importance. They are, to some extent Government agencies. The taxes are often collected at the mission stations. In any rebellion the missions stand for the Government."

GETTING ROUND IT.

A doctor friend of mine whose relaxation is golf, and who plays twice a week on an outlying course, was saddened by the thought that under the petrol regulations, he would not be permitted to use his car to travel to and from the club-house. The dread of facing a policeman and framing an excuse was too much for him. In a happy moment, however, he discovered that the clubmaster is a rheumatic subject—and all is well. The clubmaster, by the way, has now free medical advice from about half-a-dozen medical men.

SENTIMENT—AND A PROMISE.

A party of war-stained heroes was tramping out of Victoria Station looking with curious eyes on the old familiar sight. Behind them followed a French girl, accompanied by a Belgian soldier.

Suddenly she disengaged her arm from her companion's and, running forward, touched the tunic of the nearest Tommy.

"Pardon, m'ieu," she said, "but would you mind that I scrape a piece of—of—the earth from your knapsack?"

The big soldier brought his left heel up with a click, his face beaming in a mixed expression of wonder and honour.

"Miss," he replied, gallantly, "as far as I am concerned, you are welcome to the whole jolly lot."

"I only wish for a tiny piece," she explained, "picking off a small chunk of congealed earth and water."

"You see," she continued, producing a little purse and depositing her treasure within the middle compartment, "it is so long a time since I left my beloved country, and now whenever I feel an lonely I can just take a peep—and thank you."

And Tommy added without a moment's hesitation, "Well, win you more than that before we're finished, Miss, and don't you forget it."

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## TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

## ENEMY NEGOTIATIONS FOR PEACE WITH RUSSIA.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 30. An official telegram from Brest-Litovsk, via Berlin, dated December 28, states:—

In the course of to-day's discussion between the delegations of the Central Powers and Russia, the provisional discussion was terminated of those points which, in the event of a general peace, has just been settled between Russia and the Central Powers.

A basis of agreement has been reached on a whole series of important points. For example, an agreement in principle has been reached regarding the reciprocal liberation of prisoners-of-war and interned civilians; a complete agreement has been reached regarding re-starting commercial intercourse and a substantial agreement has been reached regarding the permanent basis of Russo-German economic relations.

Regarding the occupied territories, the Russians have proposed that the Russian troops should be withdrawn from Austro-Hungary, Turkey and Persia, while the Quadruple should withdraw their troops from Poland, Lithuania, Courland and other regions in Russia. The populations of these districts should be given the earliest opportunity of deciding, freely and entirely, the question of their union with one or the other Empire, or their formation into independent States.

## CONTROL BY WORKMEN.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 30. The Maximilian News Agency announces that owing to the refusal of a Russo-Belgian Metallurgical Company to submit to the control of the workmen, its plant will be confiscated and the staff of the Company must remain at their posts.

## THE PEOPLE'S BANKS.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 30. The Bolsheviks have further decreed the nationalisation and amalgamation of all banks into what will henceforth be known as the People's Bank.

## SERIOUS DISORDERS AT VLADIVOSTOK.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 30. There have been serious Bolshevik disorders at Vladivostok.

## THE FINNISH REPUBLIC.

LONDON, Dec. 30. Numerous Finnish delegations are proceeding to the European Capitals in order to obtain recognition of the Finnish Republic. In an audience with one of the delegations, the King of Sweden expressed sympathy with the Finnish movement for independence.

## THE AUSTRALIAN REFERENDUM ON CONSCRIPTION.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 30. The Referendum figures have not been materially altered. It is officially estimated that 200,000 votes are still to be counted, of which 123,000 are those of members of the Australian Forces and 77,000 are those of ordinary and absentee voters. It is estimated that 81 per cent. of the elections have voted.

## NEW ZEALANDERS BOYCOTTING ANTI-CONSCRIPTIONISTS FROM AUSTRALIA.

WELLINGTON, Dec. 30. Some establishments are refusing to employ Australian shepherds on the ground that while New Zealanders are fighting at the front, their places should not be filled by anti-conscriptionists.

## THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, Dec. 28. Silver is quoted at 49 1/2. There are small offerings and the market is steady.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## THE WESTERN FRONT. ARTILLERY AND AERIAL ACTIVITY.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

There was increased hostile artillery activity in the neighbourhoods of Polygon Wood, Passchendaele and Langemarck.

Aeroplanes, last night, dropped 240 bombs on four aerodromes in the neighbourhood of Roulers and on billets south of Lille. They also bombed several trains, obtaining a direct hit on one.

None of our machines are missing.

Field-Marshal Haig says there is nothing special to report.

## BRITISH FRONT SNOWBOUND.

LONDON, Dec. 28.

Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters in France says:—

The whole of the British Front continues snowbound.

German artillery is firing a very large proportion of gas shells. Unhappily, the enemy has now very large supplies of gas and ammunition, but our replies are effective.

Winter training is in full swing in the back areas, which are alive with khaki.

The health of the troops is wonderful and the abundance of recreations keeps them in good spirits.

The latest drifts of Overseas troops will probably feel the cold most, but their seasoned comrades tell them they will soon find it hot enough.

## FRENCH REPULSE ATTACK.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

A French communiqué states:—

There was considerable reciprocal artillery activity north of St. Quentin.

A surprise attack by the enemy in the region of Vahy, in Alsace-Lorraine, was broken up by our fire.

## MOVEMENT OF GERMAN TROOPS TO THE WEST.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 29.

Reports from the frontier show that the movement of German troops to the West continues with redoubled intensity.

All passenger and goods traffic on the railways in Belgium has been suspended.

## MORE GERMAN LOOTING.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 29.

The Germans are dismantling the massive bronze doors of the Brussels Bourse and are sending them to Germany.

## THE ITALIAN FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 28.

An Italian official report says:—

We drove back patrols in the Giudicarie and Lagarina Valleys. Successful minor engagements on the Asiago Plateau yielded prisoners.

A powerful squadron of aeroplanes bombarded a large hostile force in Ronchi Valley. Satisfactory results were obtained.

We forced the enemy to evacuate their aviation camp at Conegliano and destroyed four foot bridges in the rear of the Zenson bend.

## OPEN TOWNS BOMBED BY ENEMY.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

An Italian official report states:—

Enemy aeroplanes bombed the open cities of Treviso, Monte Belluno, Castelfranco, and Padua.

There were 73 casualties at Padua.

## ITALIAN MERCHANTMEN DEFEAT SUBMARINES.

ROME, Dec. 29.

An Italian steamer was recently torpedoed in the Atlantic by a big submarine carrying four guns. The steamer counter-attacked, putting the submarine to flight.

Another steamer was attacked off Ceylon. It smartly eluded the torpedo, then chased and hit the submarine, which is believed to have been destroyed.

## OPERATIONS IN PALESTINE.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

A Palestine official message states:—

After repelling several determined attacks at Be'er-Tavil, north of Jerusalem and east of Birzabeh, five miles north-east of Jerusalem, we attacked the assailants on the right flank and gained ground east and north-east.

We penetrated to a depth of two and a half miles on a nine-mile front. The enemy's losses were severe and we took some German prisoners.

## THREE BRITISH DESTROYERS SUNK.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

The Admiralty reports that three British destroyers were mined or torpedoed during a foray off the Dutch Coast on the night of December 22nd and 23rd. Thirteen officers and 180 men were lost.

## AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA.

## GERMAN NAVAL DELEGATION ARRIVES IN PETROGRAD.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 28.

The German Naval Delegation has arrived to discuss the details of the cessation of naval operations.

It comprises about forty members, including German, Austrian, and Bulgarian. The Turkish mission is due to arrive shortly and will discuss the renewal of commercial and other relations.

## FIRST SITTING OF THE NAVAL COMMISSION.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 28.

The German Naval Delegation drove to the Naval Headquarters, where they met Admiral Dybenko, Commissioner of Naval Affairs. They were subsequently received by M. Troitsky at the Smolny Institute.

The first sitting of the Russo-German Naval Commission lasted until an early hour in the morning. The conference chiefly turned on the naval position in the White Sea and the Murman Coast.

## "COMRADE KRYLENKO."

PETROGRAD, Dec. 28.

The Army Congress elected "Comrade Krylenko" Commander-in-Chief.

General Krylenko, in an army order, states that documents relating to artillery preparations show that the Kerensky Government was preparing for a campaign in 1918, and that they did not contemplate peace before the end of 1918.

## AN ALLEGED RUSSO-GERMAN TREATY.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 29.

The Pravda publishes the text of an alleged defensive Treaty signed by Emperor William and ex-Tsar Nicholas at Bjorky, in July, 1903.

In the event of either Empire being attacked by any European State her ally is bound to help her in Europe with all her land and sea forces.

A separate peace is not to be concluded with any common enemy.

The treaty became effective from the moment of the conclusion of peace between Russia and Japan. There was to be one year's notice of renunciation.

## ALL GOLD IN THE BANKS REQUISITIONED.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 29.

A decree has been issued requisitioning all gold in the banks, issued in coin bullion, which will be placed to the credit of the State's Gold Reserve.

The sales of owners who fail to surrender their keys will be forcibly opened and their contents confiscated for the benefit of the people.

## BOLSHEVIKS AND UKRAINIANS.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

A Correspondent at Petrograd, instancing the difficulties and dangers confronting the Bolsheviks, says that at Brest-Litovsk, when the Ukrainian Delegation upon the Bolsheviks acquiesces regarding their attitude, refused to recognise the People's Commissioners, the Bolsheviks boycotted the Ukrainians, but the Central Powers paid the latter marked attention.

## THE PEACE CONDITIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

The Times' Petrograd Correspondent says the Bolshevik reply to the Central Powers respecting Clause III in the German reply to Russia peace proposals, is likely to prove a serious stumbling block to further peace negotiations.

## GERMAN PRESS COMMENT.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 29.

Commenting on the Central Powers' peace reply, the Rheinisch-Westfälische Zeitung, Krupp's organ, admits, with refreshing candour, that Germany's concession as regards no annexations is fortunately dependent upon the Bolsheviks' immediate acceptance of the same principle, and this will destroy British supremacy from the Cape to Cairo, and in Arabia, Mesopotamia and Persia to Calcutta.

Furthermore, the paper declares that the German evacuation of Belgium is conditional on the British evacuation of Egypt, adding that the abandonment of Egypt, Arabia and Mesopotamia spells the collapse of British world-dominion.

## AMERICAN PRESS COMMENT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.

The United States Press is generally in doubt as to the sincerity of many points contained in the German peace proposals. They consider that, however attractive the proposals appear at first sight, they prove on closer examination, and are a mere effort to appease the Teutonic peace hunger.

One newspaper sums up by saying they are proposals put forward by fools for consumption by children.

## FRENCH PRESS COMMENT.

PARIS, Dec. 28.

Commenting upon the peace proposals, the Petit Parisien says they are a masterpiece of equivocation.

The paper says they are designed to strengthen Lenin.

The L'Express says Germany will make a better offer to-morrow if we remain united.

The L'Express says the gulf between the war aims of Germany and the Allies is still too deep to admit of negotiations.

The Humanité thinks the proposals are worth examining.

The Matin says the proposals reveal the profound animosity of the Central Powers.

The Echo de Paris says that M. Pichon has answered the proposals.

## THE LABOUR CONGRESS.

## THE MANIFESTO ADOPTED.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

At the National Conference of the Trade Union Congress and the Labour Party, Mr. Havelock Wilson, representing the seamen, moving the rejection of the Manifesto, said he wondered how many signatures really endorsed its views. He reiterated that the seamen would never sail in ships with the Germans, until Germany repented of her foul murders.

Mr. Wilson's motion was defeated by 343 votes to 15. Hundreds obtained from voting.

Congress finally on a show of hands, adopted the Manifesto practically unanimously.

## THE LABOUR MEMORANDUM.

PRESS COMMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

The Daily Telegraph considers that the stand taken by British Labour is of primary importance, demonstrating the inflexible determination effectively to support the war aim.

It says that the working-class opinion has been pledged to nothing less than winning the war, which is the only sound guarantee of success. It advocates a joint re-statement and elucidation of the Allied war aims.

The Daily Mail considers that the Conference was not wholly satisfactory, falling short of being representative owing to the absence of many trusted Labour leaders. It states that we may be positive that Labour in the Dominions would reject the memorandum of the Trade Unionists, Australia, Canada and South Africa, having cleared out the Germans from their midst, are not in any way going to permit the re-establishment of Germany's influence in their neighbourhood.

The Daily News says it is clear to-day that the only substantial prize available to the victor is the security upon which Mr. Henderson, Mr. Lloyd George and M. Pichon are agreed. A renewed statement of the Allied aims is now imperative.

The Daily Chronicle says it is a very statesmanlike programme, and reflects great credit on the Labour movement.

The Times thinks that the Prime Minister's letter to Mr. Henderson, and M. Pichon's speech are all closely related and will not be palatable reading to the directors of the German peace offensive. Labour's memorandum contained nothing to affect the main policy of the nation, although we disagree, as did many of the Delegates, with parts of the document.

## MEMORANDUM COMMUNICATED TO PETROGRAD.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

After the conclusion of the National Conference of the Trades Union Congress, the Executive communicated the memorandum adopted by the Chairman of the Petrograd Soviet, adding that the Conference strongly desired there should be no separate peace.

## THE DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD IN ENGLAND.

NATIONAL CONVENTION'S RESOLUTION.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

A National Convention on the subject of the food supply was opened at Westminster. Representatives of the Trade Union Congress and the Labour Party attended in large numbers.

A resolution was submitted protesting against the unnecessary suffering in urban areas, especially amongst women, owing to the absence of an equitable distribution of supplies, and demanding an equal distribution as between the rich and poor, compulsory rationing of many articles, as far as possible, and also a better organisation for the supply of milk.

The resolution was moved by Mr. Smillie, President of the Miners' Federation. He warned the Government of a grave crisis arising in the country which might break out at any time unless the Government acted fairly in the matter of food.

Mr. Clynes, Parliamentary Under Secretary to the Ministry of Food, accepted the resolution, saying that no Government could apply any other policy than that which it contained. He claimed that it was now impossible for any manufacturer to corner the market. There was no indication that the situation in the great industrial centres was deteriorating. He ridiculed the idea that the Government would commandeer and distribute the food supply. The existing distributing agencies were essential.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

## THE THIRD FRENCH WAR LOAN.

ALREADY OVERSUBSCRIBED.

PARIS, Dec. 29.

M. Klotz, Minister of Finance, states that the French War Loan, the War Loan have already exceeded the total of the last loan. This manifestation of self-confidence after forty months of war is demonstrated in the unanimity of France.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS TOTAL.

PARIS, Dec. 29.

In the Chamber, the Finance Minister announced that the subscriptions to the third French War Loan amounted to 2,400,000,000 francs.

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## THE DEFENCE OF THE REALM.

## IMPORTANT NEW PROVISION.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

A new provision under the Defence of the Realm Act has been enacted which prohibits any person resident in the United Kingdom from sending any remittance therefrom without the permission of the Treasury, for the following purposes:—

Firstly, subscribing to any loan or issue of capital outside the United Kingdom; secondly, the purchasing of any stocks or shares or any property except merchandise, if such securities or property are outside the United Kingdom; thirdly, the purchasing of any foreign currency with a view to its appreciation in value or as an investment.

Any banker or person acting in a similar capacity shall, as a condition of sending from the United Kingdom any remittance on behalf of any person resident there, require that such person make a written declaration regarding the purpose of remittance.

The above provision, therefore, requires that telegraphic instructions from abroad to the United Kingdom for payment of remittances outside the United Kingdom must be accompanied by a few words explaining their purpose.

## VIOLATION OF DUTCH TERRITORY.

GREAT BRITAIN APOLOGISES.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 29.

It is officially announced that Great Britain has apologised to Holland for the violation of Dutch territory in the Province of Zeeland by seven British aeroplanes on October 2nd.

Great Britain has further given emphatic orders to all British air forces to avoid Dutch territory in future.

The above message constitutes the first public information in London of this incident.

## FRENCH MAN-POWER.

PARIS, Dec. 29.

A Bill calling up the 1919 class has been adopted by 452 against 73.

Making a statement thereon the Pension Minister declared that Germany was employing on the battle front the 1918 class and part of the 1919 class and there was talk of registering the 1920 class. The 1919 class had been incorporated in England, Italy and Rumania, and on the eve of possible grave events the Government would be unable to liberate, as suggested, the older classes. The Pension Minister concluded by stating that the old classes would be employed on the necessary works behind the front.

M. Clemenceau, following, said he was requiring that certain mobilised peasants should devote six weeks on these works in January and February. He declared that the Germans are now missing on our front and workers are absolutely essential. There were 1,200,000 men mobilised behind the front who would be returned to the front if necessary.

## ADMIRAL WEMYSS.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

Vice-Admiral Roslyn Wemyss has been appointed Admiral.

## ALLIES PURCHASE ARGENTINE WHEAT CROP.

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 29.

Negotiations for the purchase of the Argentine wheat crop by the Allies have reached a favourable conclusion, but the details will not be published until the negotiations are ratified.

## THE UNITED STATES RAILWAYS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.

The Government has taken over the control of a quarter-million miles of railways.

## FRENCH MERCANTILE MARINE REQUISITIONED.

PARIS, Dec. 29.

The Chamber has authorised the Government to requisition the whole of the French Mercantile Marine.

## GERMANY AND CHINA.

PARIS, Dec. 29.

M. Pichon, Foreign Minister, interviewed, says he does not fear the German intentions of reaching the Pacific and penetrating China as Japan would watch over China. Germany is barred from China and will never succeed in regaining an entry.

## EARTHQUAKE IN GUATEMALA.

CITY PARTLY DESTROYED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.

An earthquake has destroyed a portion of Guatemala City.

There are many casualties and thousands are without shelter.

The foreign colony is safe.

## "IT WAS WORTH DOING."

DYING SOLDIER'S OATH, A NO PATCHED UP PEACE.

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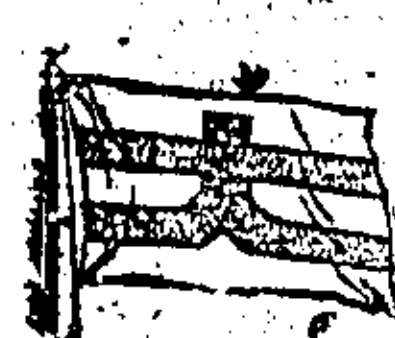
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Beef Sirloin, - Mei Lung Pa ... 1b.

Prime Cut ... 1b.

Corried, - Him Ngau Yau ... 1b.

Roast, - Shin ... 1b.

Brast, - Ngau Yau ... 1b.

Scap, - Tong Yau ... 1b.

Steak, - Ngau Yau ... 1b.

Sausages, - Ngau Yau ... 1b.

Bullock's Brains, - Ngau Yau ... 1b.

Tongue, fresh, - Ngau Yau ... 1b.

Tongue, corned, - Ham Ngau Li ... 1b.

Head, - Ngau Yau ... 1b.

Heart, - Ngau Yau ... 1b.

Hump, - Ngau Yau ... 1b.

Feet, - Ngau Yau ... 1b.

Kidneys, - Ngau Yau ... 1b.

Tail, - Ngau Yau ... 1b.

Liver, - Ngau Yau ... 1b.

Tripe, (undressed), - Ngau Yau ... 1b.

Calves' Head and Feet, - Ngau Yau ... 1b.

Mutton Chop, - Young Fat Kwai ... 1b.

Leg, - Young Fat Kwai ... 1b.

Shoulder, - Young Fat Kwai ... 1b.

Saddle, - Young Fat Kwai ... 1b.

Pig's Chitterlings, - Chiu Chong ... 1b.

Brains, - Chiu Chong ... 1b.

Feet, - Chiu Chong ... 1b.

Pry, - Chiu Chong ... 1b.

Head, - Chiu Chong ... 1b.

Heart, - Chiu Chong ... 1b.

Kidneys, - Chiu Chong ... 1b.

Liver, - Chiu Chong ... 1b.

Pork Chop, - Chiu Chong ... 1b.

Leg, - Chiu Chong ... 1b.

Low, - Chiu Chong ... 1b.

Fat or Lard, - Chiu Chong ... 1b.

Sheep's Head and Feet, - Young ... 1b.

Tau Kuei, - Young ... 1b.

Heart, - Young ... 1b.

Kidneys, - Young ... 1b.

Liver, - Young ... 1b.

Sucking Pigs, to order, - Chiu Chong ... 1b.

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Veal, - Ngau Yau ... 1b.

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Almonds, - Hang Yau ... 1b.

Apples, - Hang Yau ... 1b.

Bananas, - Hang Yau ... 1b.

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